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1. Camp 7137, located about four kilometers northeast of the Volga River town of Volsk, had a camp population of 1200 German, Rumanian, and Hungarian prisoners, some of whom were non-commissioned officers. The wooden barracks were primitive; the food was inadequate. Medical care was fairly satisfactory; a few medicines were available. Washing and bathing facilities were good. Sentences to forced labor were rare.

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3. The plant [REDACTED] was ready for production at the turn of the year 1945-1946, and it worked at full capacity during 1947-1948. Supervision was in the hands of a civil engineer. Only a few prisoners worked in the foundry, [REDACTED] as specialists in the workshops. Civilian workers numbered some one hundred men. During the construction period one shift of eight hours was worked; the completed plant runs three shifts of eight hours each. All kinds of labor saving devices are used.

4. The plant consists only of a foundry building, about 80 x 25 meters, and of a workshop in which forgers, locksmiths, and metalworkers are occupied. The installation is entirely modern. Two electric cranes serve the foundry building; the workshop is equipped with the most modern lathes, milling machines, and other metal work machines. Special ovens convert the crude iron into ingot moulds. The eventual use or destination of the production could not be determined. The plant has a railroad spur, and the building materials, sand, etc. shipped on the Volga are brought into the plant on a 100 meter long road connecting the river and the plant. Being without a power station, the plant must get its electricity from the city.

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ENCLOSURE, Map of the Volsk Iron Foundry

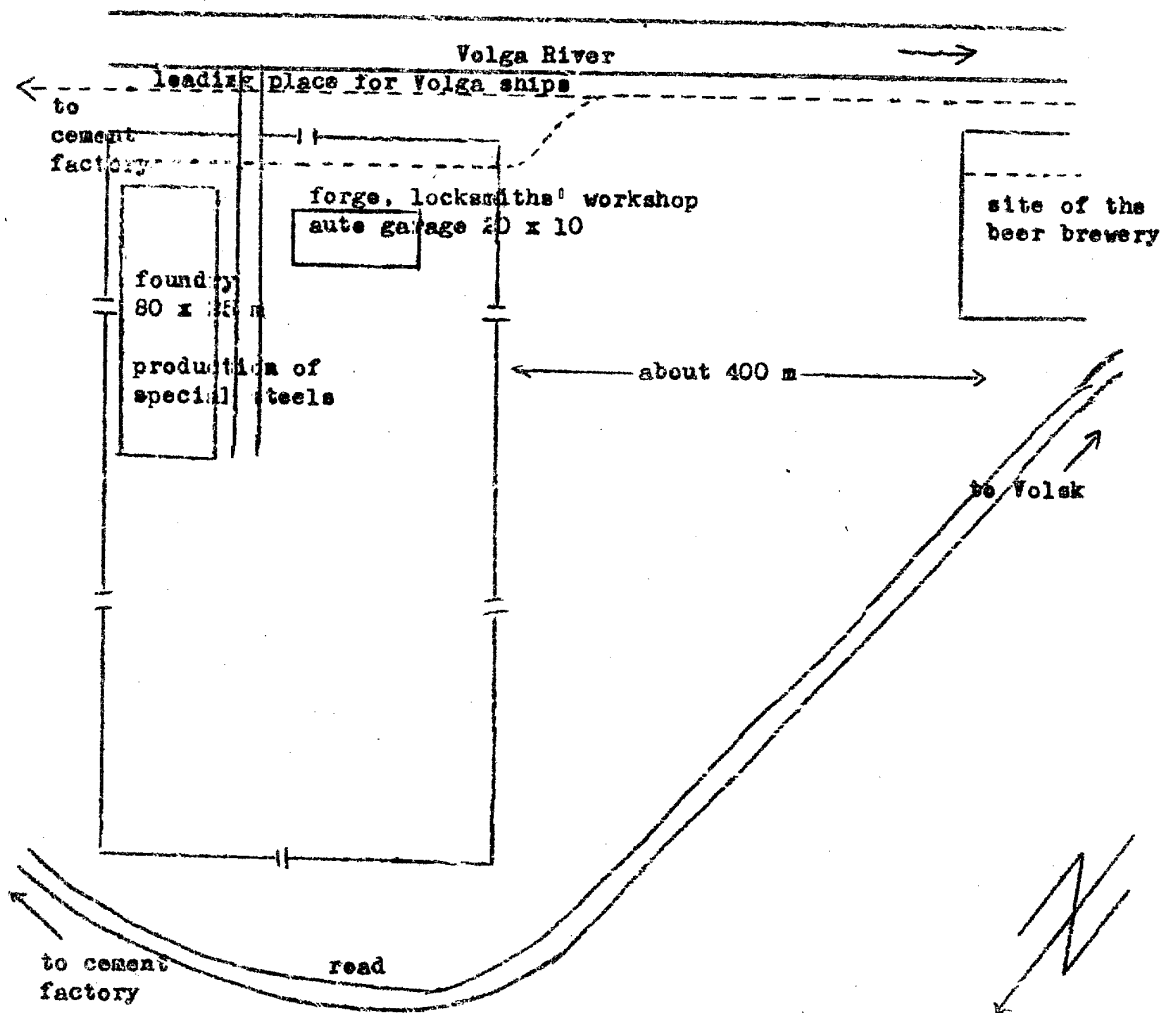
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VOLSK IRON FOUNDRY

wood and swamp land



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Comment: The dotted lines presumably represent railroad spurs, and the two lines between the foundry and the auto garage, the 100 m long road connecting the factory with the river.

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